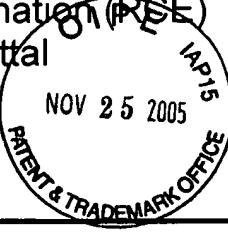


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**Request for
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Application Number	09/762,380
Filing Date	February 7, 2001
First Named Inventor	Yoshitaka YAGUCHI, et al.
Art Unit	2616
Examiner Name	James A. Fletcher
Attorney Docket No.	MTS-3243US

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- Other _____.

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2. Miscellaneous

a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

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Signature		Date	November 22, 2005
Name (Print/Type)	Jack J. Janowitz	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	42,690

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FEE TRANSMITTAL For FY 2005

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$) **800.00**

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FEE CALCULATION**1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES**

Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		
	Small Entity	Fee (\$)	Small Entity	Fee (\$)	Small Entity	Fee (\$)	Fees Paid (\$)
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	—
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	—
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	—
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	—
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	—

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES**Fee Description**

Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)

Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)

Multiple dependent claims

Small Entity	
Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)
50	25
200	100
360	180

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)	Multiple Dependent Claims
42 - 120 or HP =		x \$50. =	0	Fee (\$) \$360. Fee Paid (\$) \$0.

HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20

Indep. Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
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3. APPLICATION SIZE FEE

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4. OTHER FEE(S)

Non-English Specification, \$130 fee (no small entity discount)

Other (e.g., late filing surcharge): _____

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